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Application No.: 10/612,033 ) Examiner: K. Quinto  
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Filed: July 3, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 5852  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY )  
PREVENTING AN ELECTRIC )  
SHORT CIRCUIT BETWEEN A )  
WORD LINE AND A )  
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE, )  
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD )  
FOR THE SEMICONDUCTOR )  
MEMORY (as amended) )

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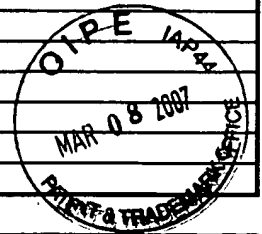
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